



# Project DREAM Update

Developing Resiliency through Education, the Arts and Mentoring

## Backpacks bring smiles to 430 students!

The ninth annual Holiday Backpack Drive was once again a huge success! At last count, 430 filled backpacks were distributed to 21 Twin Rivers elementary schools.

For many of our schools, this was their first year participating in the drive. School counselors and outreach consultants were thrilled to see some of their students receive warm clothing, books and school supplies, as well as toys and candy! More than one staff person commented that they had no idea that the backpacks were

filled with so many terrific things!

The thank you notes from the students are starting to roll in:

*Thank you for the wonderful stuff you sent to my class. I like the Bionnacle Legos. They are fantastic!*

~Chong, age 10

*Well, I never saw this coming. This is one school day I'll never forget!! I greatly appreciate everything your company has done for me and my classmates. This project must have taken quite an amount of money.*

*So to show my gratitude, here is a thank you letter. Thank you DREAM Project!*

~Nataly, age 11

Special thanks to all of our corporate sponsors, as well as individuals and district departments that met the needs of our students.

We are truly blessed!



Smythe student smiles say it all!

## DREAM Expands throughout Twin Rivers

DREAM celebrated our 4th anniversary in October and are thrilled at our many accomplishments so far! We began in the North Sacramento School District with a private donation of \$10,000 to the homeless and at-risk students in our district.

Thanks to donations from our teachers, staff and business partners, we've been able to grow that original donation of \$10,000 to more than \$100,000 in mini grants to our schools. We also partnered with the Bay-

side Family of Churches to rehabilitate three elementary school playgrounds!

As the 2008-2009 school year began, we expanded our efforts to serve all 54 schools in the new Twin Rivers Unified School District. Twin Rivers serves the communities of North Sacramento, Del Paso Heights, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Foot-hill Farms and North Natomas. Expanding from 10 to 54 schools has been exciting and challenging.

As we enter our next phase of growth in 2009, we are grateful for the support from the TRUSD school board, classified and certified staff members, parents and our business partners!

**Save the Date!**  
 Dare to DREAM  
 Fundraiser  
**Friday, May 8, 2009**  
 Lions Gate  
 Garden Pavilion

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# You've made our DREAMs come true!

Did you ever wonder where your DREAM donations go? Pictured here are a few examples of our students enjoying fantastic enrichment opportunities that DREAM donors made possible.



Johnson students see the ocean for the first time



The Wizard of Oz performance at Smythe Academy



Honor band performs at The Mondavi Center at UC Davis



Art lessons at The Crocker



Snowboarding lessons from Del Oro High School

**Coming soon, our new website:**  
[www.dreamtwinrivers.com](http://www.dreamtwinrivers.com)

## Special Thanks to our Community Partners

Project DREAM has been blessed with amazing community partners. Through the donation of money or services, these businesses have helped us to grow and provide some of the amazing enrichment opportunities you see above.

- abd Insurance
- Bollo Construction
- Bayside Family of Churches

- Chevron
- Dolamont Consulting, Inc.
- Dome Printing
- Eagle Software
- HMR Architects
- Stafford King Wiese Architects
- The Rice Company
- VRT Insurance
- Winslow Reprographics

Lastly, a special thanks to the teachers, administrators and classified staff who have supported DREAM since the beginning and work diligently to make sure our students get the highest quality education.

*"When we are dreaming alone it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality."*

*~Dom Helder Camara*

## Be a DREAM Maker!

Our struggling local and national economy has made it difficult for our schools and families to provide students with field trips and after school programs in the arts, music and athletics. In more affluent communities, parents are able to fill this funding gap so that their children don't miss out. This is difficult for many Twin Rivers families to be able to do.

This is where DREAM steps in. Donations from our supporters, through

United Way, eScrip and private donations, allow us to fund teacher requests for financial support of these programs in our schools. Unlike many other nonprofits, 95% of all DREAM donations go directly to enrichment programs for students. No salaries are paid through DREAM and we do not fund anything that should be funded out of state or federal dollars.

Please consider making a donation to Project DREAM. All donations are tax

deductible and donors will receive a receipt for their records. Checks should be made payable to Project DREAM and sent to:

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